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10, 1912.

Daily Thought.

Out of the agony and throes of in-

dividual experience, and national

convulsions, there shall come a cer-

tain fair as the noonday, quiet as the

silent but radiant stars.—Theodore

Parker.

We believe the published pictures

of Leon Ling must do Elele Sigel an

injustice.

The tone of Hon. T. S. Pettit, of

Owensboro, in his speech in defense

of Kentucky's tax system, that if

capitalists don't arouse our system they

may stay out, arouses suspicion of a

vague plagiarism on William Allen

White's "What's the Matter With

Kansas?"

"We do not recall just how many

thousand a year the Outlook pays

Mr. Roosevelt for his work, but if

the monotonous platitudes with

which he has edified (?) the public

recently are samples of what is to

follow the price is entirely too high,

no matter what it is," says the Ken-

tucky State Journal. We heard the

same sort of criticism of Bryan's

lecture at the Chautauqua. No wonder

people are tired of going to church.

We quite agree with the editor of

the Chicago Record-Herald that the

value of Dr. Eliot's "five-foot shelf"

of best books is not lessened by his

critics, who would do well to wait

until his full list is made up before

questioning his selections. Even the

charge that he erred in not adding

Shakespeare and the Bible would

better be postponed until we see

whether the eminent scholar does

include them, and altogether we sus-

pect that his critics are only seizing

an opportunity to air their knowl-

edge of the names of books. We

trust that Dr. Eliot's selections will

speedily take rank among the "best

sellers."

HOW A LADY DRINKS.

Testimony of expert witnesses on

social matters in the Gould divorce

trial that Mrs. Gould drank like a

lady, raises the troubling question:

"How should a lady drink?"

The Louisville Herald pertinently

inquires whether the witness referred

to quantify or manner, and in the in-

terest of Lucy and Geraldine, who

are devouring the newspaper accounts

of the proceedings with eye single

to the digestion of such facts relative

to high life as are found incidental

thereto, counsel for the defense

should go more deeply into the sub-

ject and obtain from the lady's maid

and the gentleman's valet the pre-

scribed forms for the consumption of

booze practiced in swell society in

the east.

Some blue stockings will aver that

a lady never drinks. Others will be

equally positive that they have seen

a very decent woman tip a brimming

pail of beer and mark a circle of

froth around her amber lips, while

seated cozily on the back steps of a

four-story apartment house.

Perhaps, the investigation, to be

strictly scientific, should go back to

and—your—

definitions and ascertain in the first place what a lady is. Having defined her, then we might assume that the quantity, quality and manner could be varied according to circumstances and the consecutive number of the drink; for even a lady, in an automobile, for instance, could not be expected to sip the contents of a pint bottle into her system, in the same manner and with the same ease and grace, that distinguishes a similar performance in the privacy of her boudoir, surrounded as she is by all the latest appliances for avoiding the proverbial slip twist the cup and the lip. Neither could she reasonably be expected to manifest the same deliberation and poise in manipulating the nineteenth or twentieth consecutive cocktail, that attended the first drink.

We feel certain that the servants who still remain in the employ of Mrs. Gould, thus qualified their statements that she drank like a lady; and where they disagreed with Mr. Gould's servants, who said Mrs. Gould was beastly drunk, they really meant to convey the impression that Mrs. Gould drank her nineteenth and twentieth consecutive cocktails just as any lady would, who was under the influence of the preceding eighteen.

FIX THE BLAME FOR DEFEAT OF JUSTICE.

McCracken county was put to shame, the ends of justice defeated and the law made ridiculous by the suicide of a condemned prisoner in the jail today. Somebody was negligent. Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane made certain criticisms of McCracken county institutions, which were never denied; but were resented by the authorities. We are not gratified over this early corroboration of her theories; but we do demand on behalf of social order, which has thus been doubly shocked, first by the crime of murder and then by the defiant act of self-destruction, that an investigation be made. We do not attempt to fix the blame or anticipate the finding of inquisition; but the news of the suicide is certain to be the subject of much comment, and in justice to those officials who are innocent of fault, the blame should be fixed officially.

Kentucky Kernels

H. E. Conover, 74, died at Elkton, W. H. Hester, of Calloway county, is dead.

Wilfred Carrico, Owensboro attorney, is dead.

John W. Urmston dies in Harrison county; gored by bull.

Thirty-four hogsheads association tobacco sold at Mayfield.

Mrs. Melvina Willett, 76, dies at Fancy Farm, Graves county.

American Book company must put up \$30,000 bond to get Nashville wholesale whiskey houses.

John Wrather, formerly of Hickman county, dies at Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Wilson, 68, widow of Rev. George Wilson, died at Glasgow.

Dr. Thomas P. Welch, veteran of Jessamine county, died at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Letcher circuit court at Whitesburg to investigate the poisoning of Frank Combs.

Mrs. Mollie Brady, of Hopkinsville, worries herself insane because her husband drank poison for whiskey.

Necessity of transferring prisoners from overcrowded Frankfort prison to Eddyville makes fat picking for middle and eastern Kentucky sheriffs.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

The Evening Sun, Paducah, Ky.:

Hardly an evening passes but we find it necessary to have a big cheerful log fire in our library, where we gather to read The Sun and hear of the doings in Paducah and vicinity.

The Sun is the link which binds our thoughts to the loved ones in our southern home and keeps afresh in our minds the scenes of our childhood, which we love so well.

I notice in your last Tuesday's issue where it was 95 in the shade in old Kentucky, and that is sure going some, while here in Denver we are having 70 degrees weather and sleeping under two blankets every night.

How does that sound to my many sweltering friends in the dear old commonwealth?

Denver is the ideal summer resort, and the many tourists walking the streets in their overcoats and straw hats, attest the climate they have left behind and what they find here in Denver.

From my office window, the foothills, clothed in green, overtopped by the snow-capped mountains in the distance, is a most beautiful sight, once seen never to be forgotten.

Denver is called the "City of Lights," and I would also add it is the "City of Memories."

What is this I hear of the Burlington coming into, and the different interurbans pointing towards Paducah? Encourage all of these projects as their realization will mean much for the growth of not only Paducah but McCracken county and the surrounding country. The head of the Burlington system, James J. Hill, is an empire builder, and if his lines ever touch Paducah it will be as though she were touched with a magician's wand. The Burlington system, when traced on the map, resembles a large spider and it has only been recently that her lines are being extended towards the southland. Do not let any cross grow

hold out a glad hand and help the Burlington reach Paducah.

If all of Paducah could take a trip, they would have their eyes opened as to what is being done by other municipalities, and they would then realize the strategic position that Paducah enjoys. Natural advantages should not be overlooked nor should too much stress be laid upon them. Out here we move mountains, if they stand in the way, and the greatest work that is now being wrought in this section is harnessing the mountain streams to provide water for power and irrigation, which will make of this country one vast garden spot and the manufacturing center of this western continent. Our mountains are not only filled with gold and silver, but large deposits of the finest anthracite and bituminous coals are being discovered every day. The only known deposit of anthracite coal outside of the anthracite region in Pennsylvania, lies in Route county, Colorado, and the Union Pacific railway is now building towards these vast beds of black diamonds, which will open the eyes of the world when these mines are fully developed.

Even now the products of the farms of Colorado surpass in dollars the amount taken from the mines for which this section has so long been famed, and all of this is being accomplished over unnatural conditions.

I have long since thought that Paducah relied too much upon her natural advantages, but when she does awaken and stretches forth a glad welcome, with a come on, we will help you, then you will see a great transformation in that entire region. Opportunities are knocking at your door every day, and the progressive citizens must be awake to grasp them.

Don't wait for other cities to get ahead of you, but look well into whatever seems good, then act promptly and with decision. What benefits one in a community will benefit all, so get together, pull together and all will be benefitted together. Yours very truly,

F. L. SCOTT.

STATE PRESS.

Courier-Journal.

Kentucky has lost three excellent men in the deaths of McD. Ferguson, of La Center; John W. Lockett, of Henderson, and Dr. John L. Dismukes, Sr., of Mayfield. In their several lines of endeavor they fulfilled all the requirements of an exalted citizenship and served their state and country well. Their loss will be sorely felt in their respective communities, where they had lived honored and honorable lives, useful to a marked degree and potent for good.

Clinton Gazette.

The death of McD. Ferguson, railroad commissioner for the first district, at his home in Ballard county last Thursday evening, was altogether unlooked for by his thousands of friends scattered throughout the state. It was a surprise that brought genuine sorrow to many, for McD. Ferguson had tied his friends to him with hooks of steel. As an officer of the state he came fully up to the measure of a true and faithful public servant, and among the masses of the people he was regarded with unusual trust and confidence.

Mayfield Messenger.

The death of Hon. McD. Ferguson, railroad commissioner from this district, will bring about the necessity of electing his successor at the coming November election and we may expect the announcement of candidates in a very short time. Judge Bunk Gardner, of this city, is being solicited to become a candidate for the vacancy, but so far he has not said whether he will be in the race or not, but as he is in line for the position his friends think he will within the next few days announce himself. Judge came out of the other race clean and clear of anything unbecoming a gentleman of the highest order and if he concludes to enter the race he will be from the start a prominent candidate.

Louisville Times.

A sturdy old-time Democrat has been lost to the state through the death of Hon. McD. Ferguson, state railroad commissioner from the first district. A loyal friend, who carried friendship to the limits of self-sacrifice; a competent and industrious official; a partisan of an uncompromising thoroughness, Mr. Ferguson possessed besides an endearing personality. He will be sincerely mourned by a large circle.

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KILLARNEY

LAKES WHERE PARTY OF TOURISTS MEET THEIR DEATH

Rowboat Swamped In Gale In Irish Lake—Americans and English

Killarney, Ireland, June 24.—A rowboat carrying five American and four English tourists and four Irish boatmen, swamped in a gale while crossing lower Killarney lake yesterday afternoon. All the tourists and two of the boatmen were drowned. The American victims were: Mrs. A. A. Hilton and son, of Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Longhead or Loughhead, Boston; Miss M. H. Catum or Cotum, of Massachusetts, (town not known). None of the bodies were recovered.

The boat was a four oared craft, used for taking visitors about the lake. The party started out yesterday morning, sightseeing. When the lower lake was reached it was found that a heavy wind from the northwest was blowing. Several other boats that had started over the same course put back. It was not long before anxiety began to be felt concerning the boat, which had continued on the course, and searchers who put out later discovered her overturned, with two of the boatmen clinging to the keel.

THREE SLAIN

WHEN BROTHER-IN-LAW MIXES IN QUARREL.

Columbus, O., Man Shoots Wife, Her Brother and Himself at His Home.

Columbus, O., June 24.—W. R. Puryear, a machinist in the engineering department of the Ohio State University, this afternoon shot his wife, Mrs. Clara Puryear, and killed his brother-in-law, Fred West, and committed suicide as two policemen rushed into the Puryear home to put out a fire, which Puryear had started to destroy the house. Mrs. Puryear is in a hospital and will recover.

Puryear left a note in which he said his wife had been unfaithful and that he "was correcting her when her brother heard us fussing and ran in and shot me in the shoulder. I fired at him and Clara joined in taking his part. I shot at both to save myself and now I am shut up in this house, ready to kill myself rather than face the disgrace."

At the hospital the wife declared that her husband had fired first at her; that her brother then had shot at Puryear who turned upon West and shot him.

CHICAGO AUTOS

Kill Three Persons Every Two Weeks on the Streets.

Chicago, June 24.—Automobiles are killing Chicagoans this year at the rate of three persons every two weeks. In 1907 the slaughter was one person every three weeks, according to the police statistics obtained by Alderman Patrick J. Nolan in support of his plan to have fenders placed on all autos.

This data shows that more than twice as many persons have been bumped to eternity by the gasoline wagons in the first five months of this year as were killed in the entire twelve months of 1907. The alderman's table compares the fatal and non-fatal automobile accidents in Chicago during the first five months of this year with all of 1908 and 1907 as follows:

	Fatal.	Nonfatal.
1907.....	15	234
1908.....	23	352
1909.....	31	641

"In the first five months of 1908 there were exactly 15 persons crushed beneath the wheels of the autos as against 31 for the same period of this year," said Alderman Nolan. "If we maintain our rate of slaughter throughout 1909 we will show a record for auto slaughter 400 per cent worse than in 1907. Perhaps that may seem funny to some of our leading automobilists and they will continue to make jests of my plan to have fenders upon the autos."

Baracas Elect Officers.
Asheville, N. C., June 24.—With the election of officers the world-wide Baracas-Philathea Union, which has been in session here since last Saturday, came to an end yesterday. The executive committee will select the next meeting place.

Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, was re-elected president. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, N. C.; Charles McKenjae, of Johnston, N. Y.; Rev. H. M. Hamill, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn.; G. E. Winstead, of Omaha, Neb.; and E. H. Conibear, of Dallas, Tex., were elected vice-presidents. Rev. Frank Anderson, of Millville, N. J., treasurer; L. E. Appleby, of San Antonio, Tex., general secretary; A. S. Hampton, of Detroit, Mich., corresponding secretary; Rolland L. Walker, of Kansas City, Mo., junior secretary, and F. Mitchell Arnold, of Jacksonville, Fla., secretary of secret service.

George E. Hayes, of Louisville, and L. P. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss., were elected district secretaries.

Was Wholesale Killer.
St. Joseph, Mo., June 24.—Police are investigating the murders confessed by William Murphy, a state prison convict, in a letter to his wife. Murphy says he killed six people at various times. The murder of Roy Iden, a butcher, is the only one for which a motive is known. Iden was shot by a burglar. Two other victims were supposed to have met death accidentally. Nothing is known here of other confessed murders.

FREEMAN

(Continued from Page One.)

Should the governor extend a longer period, Dr. Pendley says he will go to Frankfort and present the evidence. This morning a telegram was received: "Freeman's application was refused substantially on his own story and undisputed evidence. After serious thought I cannot postpone and continue the dread suspense on your opinion, without knowing the particulars of the new evidence."

County Attorney Barkley said he was not familiar enough with the facts to determine whether there would be an investigation to ascertain the person who is responsible for Freeman obtaining the drug.

Local attorneys say they are not familiar with any law, requiring the jailer to maintain a death watch over a condemned prisoner. It is a custom that has been generally observed.

Sheriff Ogilvie.
Should Freeman revive from the effects of the poison and have prospects of living until tomorrow, Sheriff John Ogilvie will send a telegram to Governor Willson tonight, stating Freeman's condition, and asking for a respite of several days. Sheriff Ogilvie said: "I want to be as humane as possible, and I would not like to drag the man out in a weak condition, and hang him. I believe I would be following out orders, but I will telegraph the governor tonight, and give him the facts in the case."

Should Freeman revive this afternoon Sheriff Ogilvie will read the death warrant to him.

Was a Wanderer.
Freeman is 29 years old and was born in Fulton, but spent most of his life roving over the country from the southern cotton fields to the western plains. He boasted that he had been in 32 states and that this was his first trouble. While talking yesterday he said he ought to have stayed out in Oklahoma, and he would have been out of trouble. Freeman said his parents died when he was one year old, and he lived with his grandmother until he was twelve years old. He attended school for two years and was in advance intellectually of most of the members of his race. He read the newspapers and wrote intelligible letters, although his spelling was not accurate. His wife lives in Metropolis. He worked at various trades, having worked in cement, picked cotton and labored at lumber and stove mills.

The Crime.
Freeman was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Esau Cobb, his paramour. The murder occurred March 14, 1906. He was working for a mill in Metropolis when he had a quarrel with the woman. She came to Paducah, and at the trial it was proved he followed her to Paducah. Late in the afternoon of March 14 he spied the Cobb woman drinking beer with another man in the rear of Ed Reynolds' saloon, on Kentucky avenue near Maiden alley. Angered, he drew his pistol and shot the woman, even shooting her as she lay prostrate on the floor.

After the shooting he fled and ran between Patrolmen Johnson and Cross, who chased him. Shots were fired and on North Second street near Jefferson street he turned behind a blacksmith shop. While Patrolman Johnson guarded one exit Patrolman Cross went around the building. Freeman surprised the patrolman and snapped his empty pistol in Cross' face. He was overpowered and after a struggle was carried to the police station.

Yesterday Freeman was talking about the killing and said he was "pretty full" at the time of the trouble, and he denied remembering anything of the killing.

Had Planned Suicide.
Freeman might have had the suicide planned for several days. Sunday the negro was unusually nervous and for the first time exhibited signs

of the strain. However, he denied that he was fearful of the end, but said it was hard to die and know that he did not get justice. He wrote several letters for publication, and it was his protest that the witnesses had it in for him, and that he was not given justice.

Yesterday he was unusually calm and talked freely about the execution, making a wish that he could see the scaffold before tomorrow and said that he wanted to see a picture of it. While talking he said: "I have got a few over 48 hours to live, but in that time lots can take place." It was thought he referred to the efforts to have his sentence reduced, but now it is thought he referred to self-destruction.

Freeman was regarded as a desperate man, and no one was allowed in his cell. Between him and spectators were double bars, and even the Rev. Father H. A. Connolly, who gave Freeman spiritual advice, was not admitted to his cell, but administered the ceremonies of the Roman Catholic church from outside the cell. A short time ago when transferred from the main corridor to a separate cell in the front of the jail a bottle of carbolic acid was found.

Freeman was sentenced to be hanged at the January term of circuit court, and Judge Reed fixed February 25 as the date for the execution. An appeal was taken, but the decision of the circuit court was sustained by the appellate court. Later efforts were made by friends to have the governor commute the sentence to life imprisonment. Governor Willson made a careful study of the evidence in the case and replied that he could not overstep the decisions of two courts and set June 25 as the day for the execution.

Soon after his arrest Freeman began reading the Bible and claimed that he had found peace for his soul. He joined the Methodist church many years ago, but about three weeks ago he joined the Catholic church, and took his first communion yesterday.